

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile
NORTH CAROLINA
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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program

Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment • Surveillance and Epidemiology – Core Activities (Funded Year 2) • Laboratory Capacity – Biological Agents • Health Alert Network/Training (Funded Year 2)
North Carolina has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing the initial draft of a comprehensive Statewide Bioterrorism Response Plan; • Developing a bioterrorism resource document and information library; • Developing partnerships with other agencies (emergency services providers, law enforcement, and local hospitals) that would be critical to the response of a bioterrorist event; • Enhancing laboratory capacity to provide rapid and accurate diagnostic testing for biologic agents; • Participating in laboratory training on agents of bioterrorism; and, • Conducting drills and exercises to test the level of preparedness of the current response system to quickly respond to potential bioterrorism threats.
Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding training of local and state public health officials; • Completing the North Carolina Bioterrorism Response Plan; • Conducting exercises to test local and state public health bioterrorism response plans; • Assisting hospitals across the state in their development and exercising of bioterrorism/mass casualty plans; • Continuing to enhance laboratory capacity to provide rapid and accurate diagnostic testing for biologic agents; • Developing and implementing an internet-based surveillance mechanism with analytical capacity; • Connecting all local health jurisdictions to the Health Alert Network; • Developing an electronic alert mechanism; • Training local health jurisdictions in the HAN protocols; and, • Developing a joint training program to train both public health and hospital staff in bioterrorism response;

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